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Applicant(s): O. YOKOMIZO, et al

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For: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR REACTOR

Group: 3641

Examiner: H. Behrend

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 26, 2001

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2001, noting that a Notice of Appeal having been filed on July 26, 2001 and an Appeal Brief accompanies this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein the resistance member is the fuel rod holding portion of the lower tie plate.